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We see where a white lead trust has been started. Craig/Tolliver had one, but of a different color.

Some of the Indiana White Caps have been caught and are liable to wear black caps before the law is done with them.

In the matter of bills, Congress is being pulled by Kentucky Stone, and the balance of the time of the House is likely to be devoured by that West Virginia Hogg.—Cin. Telegram.

Some kind of Legislature ought to offer a bill to supply the members with poles and halt for the spring sport. Ligo Sebree will not object to a spree of this kind, and as the law makers will not adjourn for some months yet, of course they will have to have another recess.

Chairman Mills, of the Ways and Means Committee, says of the work on the tariff bill: "We are going slow, for the reason that it is such an important subject. We want the work of the committee to stand the assault of the enemy, and we are building our structure accordingly."

The editor of the Clarksville Chronicle had better rent another bed room as the following shows that he is sorely afflicted: During my life, I have been bothered by gnats, mean brats, mosquitoes in flats, head-bugs, bats, old "stove in" hats, crossed-eyed cats, ring tailed monkeys—perfect acrobats; but good lord deliver me from Clarksville rats.

The Ways and Means Committee have reported favorably on Mr. Mills' bill which reads as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to apply the surplus money now in the Treasury and not otherwise appropriated, or so much thereof as he may consider proper, to the purchase or redemption of United States bonds.

The question has come up before a Cincinnati Judge whether a decoration known as "malt tea" was whiskey or not. If the Judge will kindly pass the bottle over the river to Editor Casey of the Covington Commonwealth, the point may be decided.

It was probably a bottle of Atlanta's "rice beer" she used exclusively for "prohibitionists," while the prohibition law was in force.

The burlesque given by the Louisville Liederkreis Society the other night, entitled "Two Hours in School," was not a representation of a brief visit to the Kentucky Legislature, as some of our friends have supposed.—Owensboro Enquirer.

Probably it was a portrayal of a family mattress brought on by the husband falling to come home at the proper time.

A petition has been circulated in this city in the last few days which will be presented to the Legislature urging them to pass a law requiring the counties who have outstanding bonds to pay them in full. By all means such a law should be passed, as the stand some of the counties in the State have taken has greatly damaged the credit of the other counties, and the laws in regard to this class of indebtedness should be explicit, and require a county when it issues a bond to pay face value with accumulated interest; it is nothing but just, and such a law is what Kentucky wants at this time.

In another column we reprint from the Courier-Journal, an article headed "A Dangerous Bill," and our reason for so doing is that it is full of glaring facts, and worthy of perusal from all. The substance of the bill introduced, that brought forth this comment should be closely read, for no possible good can come from its passage and where there is no good there necessarily must be some harm. The object of the Commissioners in originating the bill was doubtless to give them more to do, and enable them to come nearer earning their salaries. The benefit of the Railroad Commission to the State may have been great, but we have failed to see it. They have visited Hopkingsville several times as well as other cities to inquire into freight rates, and all the good they have done, so far as this city is concerned, amounts to nothing. It is true they assessed the property of the Railroads in the State, but this could have been done just as well some other way. There is no disputing the fact that the Commission is of but little benefit, although the gentlemen appointed from time to time have worked hard to scare up work enough to keep them busy. It does seem to us that what few railroads the State has already, are of inestimable value to her, and if any legislation is made at all, it should be to give them a few more rights than they now enjoy. It is a fact that simply because railroads are owned by corporations nearly every one appears to be down on them, when they have done more for the development of the country than will ever be properly appreciated. What's the use of passing a bill authorizing the Commissioners to do or have done what it is to the interest of every railroad to do. The best thing for Kentucky and the Legislature to do is to use all the means available to encourage more railroads, to develop the undeveloped parts of the State, and reserve to them the right to manage their own business.

A Dangerous Bill.

(Cincinnati-Journal.)

A bill approved by the Railroad Commissioners and others has been introduced into the legislature, the purpose of which is to give the control, even into minute details, of our railroads to three Commissioners, who are selected because they have had no experience in transportation. According to Commissioner Spaulding the bill may be summarized as follows:

"The proposed law gives power to the Commissioners to regulate the erection and maintenance of station houses and other station facilities; to compel railroads to connect lines to run so as to make reasonable close connections; to inspect railroads and railroad bridges, and to cause necessary repairs to be made on the same; to employ experts to examine bridges, trestles, and tunnels. A maximum rate on the transportation of coal is also fixed by the bill, with power in the commission to suspend said clause if in its discretion it is expedient to do so. Rates on all other articles are left undisturbed, subject, however, to the judgment of the commission as to reasonable or extortionate charges."

Each railroad has a multiplicity of officers, a president, a traffic manager, a general manager, a general superintendent, a general ticket agent and a general freight agent to do for one line what Commissioner Spaulding thinks one or three Commissioners can do for all the railroads in the State.

Either no commission would try to do any of this work, or, trying, would only succeed in doing it badly, or else it would be forced to employ an army of experts and of accountants and make the department in charge of the railroads more extensive and more expensive than the whole machinery of State government is to-day.

What necessity is there for such a measure at this time? We have had for several years an advisory commission, which has proven on the whole satisfactory. During this period our lines of transportation have been greatly increased, and under the force of resultant competition rates have steadily decreased and serious complaints have almost disappeared.

Moreover, we have had an interstate commerce act in operation for less than one year. Its effects can not yet be fully known. The most important provision in that act was, after a most thorough investigation, by the Commission of the Ohio.

To give the Commissioners power to fix maximum rates for coal, and then to give them the right to suspend them, would be to give them power with which no body of men should ever possess in a free community.

The idea of fixing maximum rates is a delusion. There is scarcely an old railroad charter in existence in which the maximum rate is not fixed, and there is not a railroad which would not be glad to get one half of that maximum rate. Besides it is not clear why maximum rates should be fixed for coal and not for flour, or lumber, or iron, or wheat, or cotton, or clothing, or dry goods. If we are to make by legislation coal uniform in price throughout the State, then we should try also to provide a uniform price for all the other commodities of life.

Legislation of this character is experimental, and on that account objectionable. The arguments used in behalf of it are all worn out. They were advanced and answered and rejected in this State five or six years ago.

What we want is competition; more railroads; and under such a law railroad building would cease. Give carefully guarded charters to all men who care to put money into railroads in Kentucky. Encourage them to come in on the terms laid down by the Governor in his late veto message. Kentucky is an inviting field for the investor, and every road built extends the area of competition in rates; every extension into a country devoid of railroads lessens in that territory the cost of getting its products to market, and of getting goods home in exchange.

This is the policy for the State to pursue in regard to railroads, giving charters that accord with the experience of the past, and within broad limits letting competition work its perfect work. There is nothing calling for an abandonment of this policy, adhered to during the past eight years, and certainly nothing to justify such a wild departure as that proposed in the bill as summarized by Mr. Spaulding. It should be entitled a bill to discourage railroad building in Kentucky.

In this article we discuss only the features summarized by Mr. Spaulding, as they seem to be the sum and substance of the bill.

There is Something in the Air.

(Greenfield Rebo.)

Lexington poured out her generous hospitality into the laps of the General Assembly, says the South Kentuckian. Well now, to be more accurate, didn't she pour most of that hospitality into their stomachs?

Just lay your ground-hog "riest-nuts" away and they can be used next year, as people expect them from force of habit if nothing else.

"Some said, 'John, print it,' others said 'Not at all.' It might do good, 'others said 'No.'"

If the discoverer of Dr. Sago's Catarrh Remedy had shared the senseless prejudices of a certain class of physicians he would have refused to print the good news, to proclaim to the world the glorious tidings that an infallible remedy for that loathsome disease, catarrh, has been discovered. But he advertised liberally and the result has justified him in the course he pursued. Dr. Sago's Catarrh Remedy never fails. All druggists.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS.

The Senate and House are down strictly to business now and hustling, as their allotted time is short and bill after bill is either being passed or in some way disposed of. The following are among the latest House bills passed: To prevent the sale of poisonous and noxious nostrums and compounds and of patent medicines, the composition of which is unknown to other than foreigners; to incorporate the Paducah Belt Railway and Levee Company; incorporating the "Home for Aged and Indigent Women of Covington, passed over the Governor's veto by a vote of 68 to 10; making payable all fines and forfeitures to the State Treasurer; one to repeal an act, entitled, "An act to prohibit the sale of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in the Springdale precinct of Jefferson county; a bill making it unlawful to carry concealed or sold to a minor, any deadly weapon other than a pocket knife, attaching a fine of \$100, in default of payment of which the fine and costs to be paid in work under the county jailer at the rate of \$2 per day, females exempted from working penalty, with amendments providing for a fine on the jailer for neglect of duty under the bill also passed without a dissenting voice.

Senate bills passed: Incorporating the Louisville Public Warehouse Company; one for the benefit of the Equitable Savings and Loan Association, of Louisville; one making the pay of jailers 60 instead of 50 cents per day for the board of prisoners; one abolishing the vote on the sale of liquors in the Springdale precinct, of Jefferson county; one providing for the escape of a prisoner from the State Penitentiary at Louisville; one incorporating the National Surety Company; one amending acts incorporating the Western Baptist Theological Institute; one fixing the time for the operation of acts amending the laws concerning bridges and roads in Caldwell county; one incorporating the Globe Hemp Company; one for the benefit of the Proctor Knott Guards which provides for pay for services rendered by the company in the inauguration of Gov. Knott; one incorporating the town of Rowland, in Lincoln county; one for the benefit of Common Schools in Henry county; one prohibiting the sale of liquors in certain bounded territory in the Tennessee and Ohio River Transportation Company, after numerous amendments; one reducing the capital stock of the Catlettsburg Street Railway and Transfer Company from \$50,000 to \$25,000; one establishing a road law for Boyd county; one incorporating the town of Empire in this county; one prohibiting the sale of liquors in the city of Columbus or within three miles of said city; one providing for a vote on prohibition in Bath county and one changing the name of the Citizens Bank of Owensboro, to Bank of Commerce of Owensboro.

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SAN DIEGO.

Letter From Chas. M. Meacham.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Feb. 5th.—Thinking perhaps my Kentucky friends would like to hear from me occasionally, as well as learn something about this part of the West, I will avail myself of this opportunity to address a short communication to the KENTUCKIAN. I must, however, bear in mind that my letter is to be as far as possible free from advertisements of the boom, climate and advantages of which so much is heard. I am not a real estate agent, nor am I interested in populating San Diego at the expense of Hopkingsville. San Diego now claims 30,000 inhabitants and there are among the number eighteen Hopkingsville men, about half of them having families. So you see we have quite a little colony of "home folks" out here. I arrived on the 20th ult., after stopping for a few days at Los Angeles and Santa Anna. After remaining here about a week, I succeeded in forming a connection, editorially, with The San Diegoan, the leading evening paper of the city and the only Democratic paper here. It is published daily and weekly and is owned by a company of which Mr. J. M. Julian, formerly of Mississippi; and Mr. E. J. Bacon, formerly of Owensboro, Ky., are the controlling members. Mr. Bacon is the managing editor of the paper and I assist him in the political and paragraphing departments and have charge of the telegraph matter. The position is one that is quite to my taste and I am upon the whole very pleasantly and satisfactorily situated. There are three other daily papers in the city—two morning and one evening—all of them Republican. Politically the

county is considered Republican, but a portion of the city and county officers are now Democrats and as there are a great many new voters, there is a good chance to carry the county this fall. The San Diegoan has undertaken this task, and will make it lively for the opposing "three in a kind." The congenial climate here is proving very advantageous to my health. It has not been colder than 30 degrees here this winter, and while the weather was so cold back east, people were going without overcoats and gathering button-hole bouquets out of their flower gardens in this city. Green peas, string beans, radishes, lettuce and other spring vegetables are seen upon the tables here every day, and just at this particular time we are having a spell of weather equal to the balmy days of May in Kentucky. When I first got here I contracted a severe cold as every "southerner" does upon reaching the State. Why this I cannot say, but there is hardly an exception to this rule. I have recovered from its effects at this writing and am now enjoying the best of health.

I get the South Kentuckian regularly, and I am truly gratified to see the paper not only maintaining its past reputation, but becoming better and more newsy each week. With warmest wishes for its increased and enduring prosperity, I will close for the present.

CHAS. M. MEACHAM.

The cultivation of tobacco in Syria is decreasing year by year, owing to the obstacle thrown in the way of growers by the Turkish government; and it would seem that the authorities are endeavoring to restrict as much as possible this industry, which was once so prosperous in the Syrian provinces. Instead of the thousands of bales which used to be forwarded at this season from Djebel-Sour and Sidra, via Beyrout to Alexandria, only 200 bales have been shipped this year.—St. Louis Tobacco Reporter.

NINTH STREET TO THE FRONT.

A Word to the People of Hopkingsville and Christian County.

You have read in our papers for some months past, flaming advertisements of "war on high prices" and "discounts on high prices" and all such wordy stuff as that. Every ingenious advertising lodge imaginable is being taken advantage of. And it would seem from reading these advertisements, that the sole object of the advertiser in continuing business is just simply to outdo his competitors, and that goods are being given away. All intelligent people know that a merchant must live by his profits.

Now without waste of words, we desire to say to our friends and the people of Hopkingsville and Christian County, that we can and will sell you goods as cheap or a little cheaper than any house in the city. Our rents are much less than any other house in the city and we save the expense of clerk hire by doing all the work ourselves, from porter to book-keeper. We keep everything in the way of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Trunks, Valises, etc. We would especially call the attention of the ladies to our stock of low prices. We have as nice a line as can be shown in the city, at prices ranging from 50c. to \$1.00.

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Our 50c. Unfinished Shirts is the best in the market.

We have a splendid stock of Hats of the latest style and far below down-town prices. Our stock of Caps is the largest in the city. All our winter boots will now go at cost.

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